

Application Serial No. 10/766,541
Response dated April 25, 2006
Reply to Advisory Action of April 11, 2006

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A method of forming a roofing membrane comprising applying a seam tape onto a sheet of membrane adapted for use as roofing membrane wherein said seam tape comprises a pressure sensitive adhesive strip covered on a first surface with a release sheet wherein said seam tape is applied to a center portion of said sheet of membrane by pressing a second surface of said seam tape against said sheet of membrane and cutting said sheet of membrane into two separate sheets by cutting completely through said sheet and through said seam tape and said release sheet along a central portion of said seam tape forming a continuous cut completely separating said sheet to form two separate sheets of roofing membrane each having a continuous portion of said seam tape and release sheet along one edge.

2. (Previously presented) The method claimed in claim 1 wherein said seam tape is applied to said membrane and said membrane is cut simultaneously.

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3. (Previously presented) The method claimed in claim 2 wherein said membrane is supported on a surface, said surface having a central groove aligned with said center portion of said membrane and wherein a seam tape applicator sheet slitter is run along said membrane guided by said groove to simultaneously apply said seam tape and cut said membrane.

4. (Previously presented) An apparatus for applying seam tape along an edge of roofing membrane said apparatus comprising

a seam tape applicator having a contact roll adapted to press seam tape against a surface of said roofing membrane, said applicator supporting a roll of seam tape, said seam tape comprising a pressure sensitive layer having first and second adhesive surfaces and a release sheet covering one of said adhesive surfaces;

a slitter adapted to slit through said seam tape and said membrane; and
said apparatus further comprising a handle providing means to push said apparatus over said roofing membrane.

5. (Original) The apparatus claimed in claim 4 further comprising guides.

6. (Original) The apparatus claimed in claim 5 wherein said guides comprise a plurality of disks located along the central axis of said apparatus.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously presented) The method claimed in claim 1 wherein said sheet of membrane is EPDM.

9. (Previously presented) An apparatus for applying seam tape along an edge of roofing membrane, said apparatus comprising:

a seam tape applicator having a contact roll adapted to press seam tape against the surface of said roofing membrane;

said applicator supporting a roll of seam tape;

said seam tape comprising a pressure sensitive layer having first and second adhesive surfaces and a release sheet covering one of said adhesive surfaces;

a slitter adapted to slit through said seam tape and said membrane; and

guides comprising a plurality of disks located along a central axis of said apparatus.

10. (Currently amended) A method of forming a pond liner membrane comprising applying a seam tape onto a sheet of membrane adapted for use as a pond liner wherein said seam tape comprises a pressure sensitive adhesive strip covered on a first surface with a release sheet wherein said seam tape is applied to a center portion of said sheet of membrane by pressing a second surface of said seam tape against said sheet of

membrane and cutting said sheet of membrane into two separate sheets by cutting completely through said sheet and through said seam tape and said release sheet along a central portion of said seam tape forming a continuous cut completely separating said sheet to form two sheets of pond liner membrane each having a continuous portion of said seam tape and release sheet along one edge.

11. (New) A method of forming a roof membrane comprising applying a seam tape onto a sheet of membrane adapted for use as a roofing membrane wherein said seam tape comprises a pressure sensitive adhesive strip covered on a first surface with a release sheet wherein said seam tape is applied to a center portion of said sheet of membrane by pressing a second surface of said seam tape against said sheet of membrane and simultaneously cutting said sheet of membrane into two sheets by cutting through said sheet and through said seam tape along a central portion of said seam tape to form two sheets of roofing membrane each having a continuous portion of said seam tape along one edge;

and wherein said membrane is supported on a surface, said surface having a central groove aligned with a center portion of said membrane and wherein a seam tape applicator sheet slitter is run along said membrane guided by said groove to simultaneously apply said seam tape and cut said membrane.